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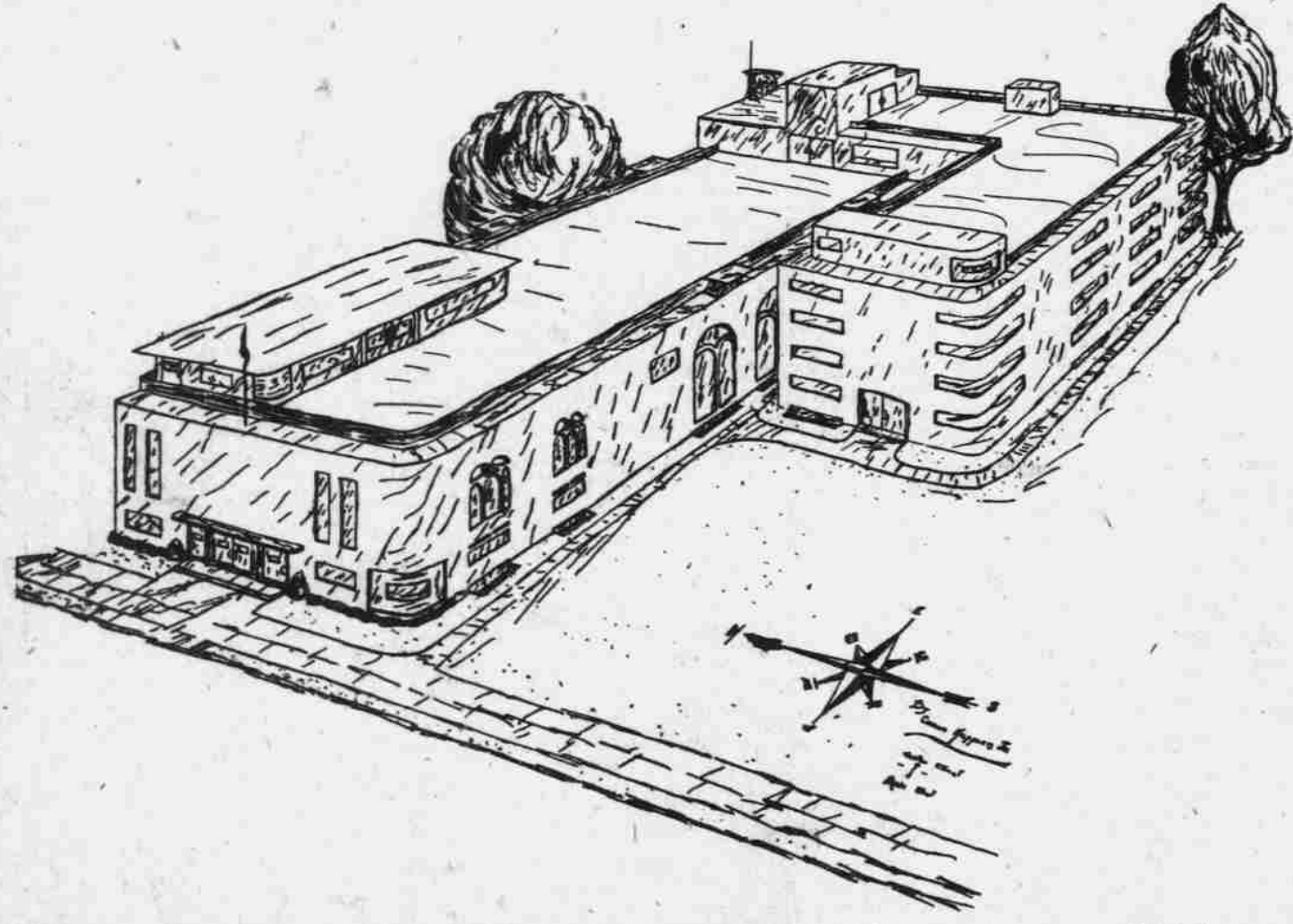
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## Name New Head For Center Chronicle Adds New Haven

ANY CITY WOULD BE PROUD OF THIS EDIFICE



Here is the proposed new Center which will greatly expand the social program now available to our race in this area.

## One More City In Our Family

The Hartford CHRONICLE announces that beginning May 25, we will feature a New Haven section in our paper.

The Elm City plays a very important part, not only in our state, but also in our nation.

At present New Haven has in its Dixwell Community House, and Boys' Club, one of the finest projects of its kind in the entire nation. We speak with authority upon that subject because in our extensive travels about the country, we had an opportunity to see how projects of this kind were operated.

We have often wondered when methods used by the various cities in regards to means of combating one of the nation's evils Juvenile Delinquency and its attendant ills, are quoted why the program used in New Haven is not mentioned.

We, the publishers of the CHRONICLE regret that we did not receive the program of the organization's 21st annual meeting of May 5; at the same time the program of their achievements

of the last twenty-one years makes very interesting news and should be seen by all.

## Middletown Boy Is Mayor For A Day

By Charles Garvin

Robert Spence, 17 year old student of Woodrow Wilson High School was elected mayor of Middletown for a day. He ran on the Progressive Party ticket and won with a plurality of over 200 votes over his opponent of the Populist Party.

Mayor Spence attributes his success to the noble way in which



ROBERT SPENCE, recently elected "Mayor-for-a-Day" in Middletown, Conn., schoolboy election.

Miss Beverley Mackenzie managed his campaign. The Progressive Party headed by Mayor Spence took over the government of Middletown May 13. The Mayor and his electors will meet with the common council of Middletown to receive final instruction before taking over.

Mayor Spence is a member of the basketball team and also a member of the track team. His ambition is to study law at Howard University, Washington, D. C. Good Luck Mayor Spence and may this experience serve as a stepping stone for higher heights. He lives with his sister, Hazel, whose husband, Mr. Aubrey Welsh, has recently returned from Europe where he served in the United States Army.

This is one step nearer race relationship. This election was held in a school where there are very few Negro students. It shows democracy at work among students. It is the best place for it to take root. Middletown has come through with flying colors proving that true qualities and ability know no race, creed, or religion.

son, official in this organization, states that "This is a gift to the general fund and not a pledge." The Hartford CHRONICLE also gave \$100.00 to this cause. The Ministerial Alliance incorporating with the Fund will set aside a Sunday particularly for colleges in all the churches.

Among other contributors is the new Nutmeg Lodge No. 67, I.B.P.O.E.O.W., who was the first to give \$100.00.

In conjunction with the Drive, the Union Baptist Church gave \$100.00.

The British government is a little upset at hearing of the confirmation of William Hastie as the Governor of the Virgin Islands. There is no doubt that there will be a similar request for better governors in the British West Indies.

## CHRONICLE AIDS COLLEGE FUND



Shown in picture is Mr. Preston Harris, giving check of \$100.00 to College Fund for United Negro College Fund Drive.....receivers are Mr. John L. Holton, and Mr. Larry Mounds.

## Famous Soprano To Appear Here



Miss Elizabeth Watson, soprano of New York, and star of stage and radio fame, will appear in person at a musical concert and song recital assisted by the Trel-Alpha Chorus with Mrs. Nora Ellis as accompanist, Friday, May 24, at 8

p.m., at the AME Zion Church. Miss Watson who has appeared in recitals at Carnegie Hall, at St. Martin's Little Theatre and on the radio programs in many of the large cities, promises to give Hartford an entire evening of entertainment. The program, an inter-racial affair is sponsored by E. C. Day Lodge No. 1-K of P & The Jewel Court No. 10 Court of Calanthe. The program committee is to be highly commended for their promotion of the more cultural entertainment and it is hoped that they will have the full support of all the music lovers of Hartford.

The tickets which are \$1.00 have been sold to friends of both races and may still be purchased by calling 7-4795. Refreshments will be served free. The members of the program committee are: Mesdames Lelia Sparks, W. C.; Margreita Sturgis, Sec., and Messrs. Charles Sarson, George W. Jones, John Jenkins, D. E. Smith, John Sebastian, Gassaway Davis, C. C., W. O. Henderson, chairman, and Fred H. Jackson, secretary.

Education and work was guest of the BTU. Mr. Tuller's purpose was to develop opportunity for an inter-racial program, devoid of race, creed and religious prejudice, in which all races would participate.

There were other contributions to the program by the following: Mr. George Miller, Mr. Henry Brown, Mr. Charles C. Murray, Charles Stewart, Clifton Mack, Miss A. M. Craig, Mr. DeLarunce and Mrs. Lee. The concluding remarks were made by the pastor, Rev. D. S. Craig.

## SUNDAY AFTERNOON CONCERT

Sunday at 4:30 p.m., in the Arsenal School Auditorium marks the beginning of Sunday afternoon concerts for the North End Community Center, Inc., under the auspices of the Music Department of the North End Community Center, 1800 Main Street.

Free tickets for the concert may be secured at the North End Community Center.

## New Yorker Is New Appointee

Mr. Samuel M. Jenkins, Executive Secretary of the Independent Social Center, Inc., has announced the appointment of Mr. Eric W. Headley of New York as Director of Men and Boys Program. Mr. Headley is a native of New York City and attended the John Adams High School, Ozone Park, Long Island. He received his B. S. degree from Springfield College, Springfield, Mass., in 1938, majoring in Health and Physical Education. His minor was in history.

He received his MA degree from Teacher's College, Columbia University, New York in 1940. While at Columbia he worked with the Department of Parks as Playground Director.

Mr. Headley taught physical education in the summer of 1940 at the Georgia N. & A. School at

Albany, Georgia. He was also associated with the Harlem branch of the YMCA for a period of one year and a half.

He was inducted into the Army in August of 1942 and served in Saipan and Okinawa. He served three and one half years in the service, receiving his discharge in March, 1946.

## NAACP Opens Membership Drive

The annual membership drive of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored Peoples opens Sunday, May 19, with an initial meeting at the AME Zion Church, Main Street at 4 p.m.

Alfred Baker Lewis, prominent labor and social welfare leader who is chairman of the Connecticut Citizens PAC, and member of the board of directors of the National Branch of the NAACP, will be the main speaker. Mr. Lewis, an illuminating speaker, widely versed on the social ills, will point out some of the organization's activities during the past war years, and will outline the broader horizons for the future.

The director of this year's drive, Arthur L. Johnson, announces as the goal for the drive, a membership of two thousand persons. In this connection, Mr. Percy Christian, recently elected president of the local chapter, stresses the need for an active membership to make the Hartford chapter foremost in local and national projects. He also promises that all channels will be utilized in the coming year for every member to be notified of the chapter's activities and meetings.

The meeting is open to all, and every is urgently invited to attend.

"jumpin' jive" posed for photographs with club leaders including Miss Harriet Walker, president; Miss Rose Murray, secretary; Miss Dora Foster, treasurer; Miss Anne Foster, program committee chairman; and Miss Betty Cromwell, arrangements committee chairman.

A second fund rally will be held tonight at the Center under the auspices of the Hartford CHRONICLE.

## Visiting Tents and National Officials



Left to right, seated: Mesdames Mary Brown, Grand Sr. Matron, Brooklyn, N. Y., Nettie Callis, Asst. Supt. Atlantic City; Jenny Shirley, Supt. Philadelphia, Pa., Anna G. Martin, Asst. Supt. Brooklyn, N. Y., Lucy Boyd, Supervisor, New Haven. Standing: Mary Burnett, Brooklyn, N. Y., Mildred Brooks, Jersey City, N. J., Lula Taylor Post Senior, Atlantic City, N. J., Ida Neperk, Grand Deputy Matron, Brooklyn, N. Y., Elsie W. Day, Asst. Conductress, Jersey City, N. J., Ella Thomson, Grand Conductress, Elizabeth, N. J., Alice Copeland, Post Grand Deputy Matron, Elizabeth, N. J., Mabel E. Richardson, Grand Corresponding Secretary, Brooklyn, N. Y., Pearl Hungerford, Grand Mistress of Ceremonies, Brooklyn, N. Y.



Left to right: Jane Howell, Charles Shaskus, Fred P. Pedemont, V. Colonna, William C. Gunnings, James Bowper, Hattie Walker, Mrs. Pearl Bruns, Miss Sandra Bruns, Springfield, Mass., Mrs. Eva Grant, Mrs. Emma Allison, and Mrs. Elizabeth Mark.

## Grand Tents Convene Here

The Grand United Order of Tents J. R. C. and J. U. were entertained by the Most Worthy Eastern District Grand Prudent Tent No. 3 the AME Zion Church May 8, 9, and 10, on the occasion of their 58th annual session.

The Order is 98 years old, has 50 subordinate Tents and Four Orders. A religious organization, their chief aims are to benefit education, civil liberties, sickness and they also pay death claims. Each year, the session is held in a different city. Next year, it will be held in Plainfield, N. J.

About 500 members from throughout the east attended the convention.

A Medallion "The Jewel" was presented to Mrs. Elizabeth Baker of Atlantic City, Fidelity Tent No. 46 for her splendid leadership.

The Grand Officers of the Grand Order are Mesdames: Jenny Shirley of Phila., Supt., Nettie Callis, Atlantic City, Asst. Supt., Anna G. Martin, Brooklyn, N. Y., Asst. Supt., Mary Brown, Brooklyn, N. Y., Grand Sr. Matron, and Lucy Boyd, New Haven, Supervisor.

## College Fund Drive Keeps Swift Pace

The Negro College Fund has been quite successful to date. Included in the many contributions made is a check from the Negro Student Aid Foundation, Inc., for \$273.00. Mrs. R. Augustus Law-

## Cab Speaks For College Fund

Cab Calloway, famed Negro orchestra leader, who is appearing



at the State Theater today and Sunday, was the principal speaker at a "United Negro College Fund Drive" rally held Friday night at the North End Community Center, 1800 Main Street, under sponsorship of the Kip's Club.

He emphasized the importance of education in modern life. Following the rally, the maestro of